France and Britain Reject German Peace Terms





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IN WAR BOARD CONTROL: RAILROADS FREIGHT TIE-UP M'ADOO AIMS

"CANNOT ACCEPT A PEACE BASED ON THE STATU QUO," FRENCH REPLY TO GERMANY

"Achievement of Allies' Purposes Essential to Future Freedom of Mankind," Says Lloyd George-British Labor Endorses Wilson's Policy, stands a failure. Accurate figures

NEW YORK BANKER

Branch in Petrograd Refuses

to Give Up Keys.

no vaults, but only small safes. After

see that they resumed business."

"We have had no advices from Mr.

"I cannot say what funds we had

that most of our commitments were

in rubles, and the ruble is now so

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Stevens's safety

IN RAID ON BANKS

PARIS, Dec. 28.-France will re ture to negotiate any German-con trived peace such as the deft terms assessed by Count Czernin provide, Minister of Foreign Affairs Picher Deputies

Mis declaration was received with great applause.

Germany is trying to involve us in her Maximalist negotiations," the Foreign Minister said. "After suffering as we have we cannot accept peace based on the statu quo. By agreement with our allies we are ready to discuss direct propositions regarding peace, but this is indirect.

gramme was drawn up, and in consequence unity of action on the part of the Allies will make itself felt, even to Macedonia. Germany and her al- banks in Petrograd, including the les have undertaken the impossible branch of the National City Bank of ask of conquering the world. The New York. The manager, R. R. world will conquer them.

"In this war France will played a great role, for, as Roosevelt has said, she will have saved human- Several surrendered the keys to the dentally burned at Fuhlssbuttel.

would never be surrendered. M. during the day. Pichon said:

does not affect France alone. It is a uary to commence business here, non-combatant instruction ships. world question. It is not a territorial with particular reference to the problem, but a moral problem—on its financing of railroad construction. solution depends whether or not the financing of railroad construction. HAIG SPECIALLY HONORS world shall have a durable peace." Referring to the war aims of granted to a foreign bank to do busi-

France, the Foreign Minister said the ness here since 1879, tret was to conquer.

"But why?" he went on "To assure a world peace of justice and his arrest he was permitted to return fraternity. We desire the liberation to the bank, which was placed under of our occupied territories, just sup- guard. The bank directors who were aration for what has been for toly prested were accused of "sabotage." torn from us, reintegration of those. Telephone service through the city Lorraine, reparation for unmages was stopped for an hour. sustained and a guarantee of durable peace by international agreements." banks M. Menshinsky said:

Renaudel interjected. M. Pichon repeated tt. adding. "The reference is to a society of done, but the reports were incorrect.

"You should have said so." M. banks, revise their activity and then Renaudel rejoined. "We are in perfect agreement with It is reported that a special com-

President Wilson on that point," M. mittee will investigate the closed Pichon said. He then quoted Presi- banks and that the institutions will dent Wilson's words to the effect not be permitted to resume business that the immediate task was to win in the meantime. The city is facing versity unit. a serious financial shortage, especialhe war, adding: "It never has been the intention of ly in currency of small denomina-President Wilson or the Allies to de- tions, which has been unavailable for

several days.

stroy the German people,"

Allies' Aims Must Be Achieved, Says Wall Street, the news of the seizure

LONDON, Dec. 28 .- "Achievement of the Petrograd branch and the deof the purposes for which the Allies tention of R. R Stevens caused conare fighting is essential to the future siderable surprise. freedom and peace of mankind," said Premier Lloyd George in a letter Stevens which indicated the possibilwhich he sent to-day to the Labor ity of such action by the Russian Congress. The Premier's statement Government of the moment," said a regarded as the British reply to Foreign Manager Cosby. the German peace offer.

Emphatic indersement of President in the Petrograd branch, but the fact

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THE WORLD TRAVEL BUREAU,

Areade Pulither (World) Building, 53.53 Park Row, N. T. City, hete, reservations, estillags, dec, via all Raff-Constwise, Central and South American ship these. Bagrage and parts: head room day and might, Tursieller; shocks and money AND PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY AND PROPERTY.

Thirty-five Reported Totally Another Division Keeps Up Destroyed, and Five Disabled or Missing.

how that of fifty-three Zeppelins put o commission since 1914; Thirty-five have been

Two have been badly damayed and put out of commission. Two possibly destroyed, now

stroyed.

One badly damaged, temporar ily out of commission in Decem-

eight of which are detailed to the North Sea, two to the Baltic and three as experimental or school Raids over France England at

Manager of National City Belgium have cost the Germans seventeen Zeppelins, eight having been dents by fire, wind and lightning for a time because of the snow. "At the conference in Paris a pro- acting under the orders of Finance have destroyed at least eight in Ger-

surrounded and seized all private hers between 25 and 30 have not been, two days through the storm. Not- and rescue his instruments. employed, leaving 53 to be accounted for, "L-1" and "L-2" were destroyed their experience seemed to have done Stevens, was arrested and detained before the war. The first fell in the them Many bank directors were arrested. North Sea and the second was accibank vaults, but Stevens refused. J.

After referring to the German dec- B. Wright, Counselor of the American has had in commission since begin- of the storm, engaging in bayonet, aration that Alsace and Lorraine Embassy, called upon Mr. Stevens ning of the war at least thirteen airships of the "Schutte Lanz," "Gross" "The question of Alsace-Lorraine York was granted a license last Jan- sibly seven remain in service, two as

AMERICAN WOMEN NURSES Mr. Stevens declared his bank had

Representatives of the Presbyterian Hospital and Other Units in List Sent to London.

LONDON. Dec. 18 .- Field Marshal tomed to the cold and snow. Hair, the British commander in chief, has submitted a list of names of persons serving on the western front as deserv-In explaining the seizure of the ing special mention. The list centains "We let it be known long ago that the names of many Americans attrached to the American Army Nursing Corps. private banks should send reports he names of the women mentioned are: weekly to the State Bank. This was Miss B. M. Alexander, Chicago unit.

It was then decided to occupy the Mrs. J. Christie, Presbyterian Hospital unit, New York. Miss C. Cuppaldge, St. Louis unit. Miss M. Dunlop, University of Penn- U. S. TROOPS KILLED 50

Miss S. Briggs, Lakeside unit, Cleve-

ylvar a unit. Philadelphia. Misc H. M. Gerrard, Harvard Uni-Miss C. Hall, Harvard unit.

Miss H. G. McCielland, Philadelphia Mas 1. McKee, Lakeside unit.

Miss L. Marsi, Presbyterian Hospital Miss J. C. Stemson, St. Louis. Miss D. Arch of the Chicago unit.

SNOW AND COLDER HERE.

on the way to New York, according to according to word received here to-day he Weather Bureau warning issued this morning. The snow is expected to running figur with the bandits on Mexi-

WILSON IS 61 TO-DAY.

greatly depreciated, will reduce the WASHINGTON Dec. St.-President actual temporary loss. For the rest, I imagine that we can leave the Wilson is celebrating his staty-first day. withday to-day. Constatulatory letters praising the men for their good work. of recovery and of Mr. and messages are piling into the White House This marriag the President place of the Holldays. When and later pasted on the raincad address he will the Property of Congress next week. House This morning the President

Work in Spite of Snow-Southerners Hardening.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES WITH THE PRENCH ARMIES IN IN PRANCE, TRUNGAY, Dec. 27 (By troops and with communications. At the snowfall, and many roads are be-

> No serious difficulty has been experfenced thus far in supplying the troops in the outlying towns and districts, but it is feared that the supply problem will give trouble if the storm continues.

over the hilly roads at a snall's pace because of the drifts and (ansity of the snow. Numerous accidents were A. Ross of the American expeditionreported and the weather was so cold that many cars were frozen and could jantry in French army orders. not be moved. Brigade manoeuvres ters of commendation written them accounted for in England, five in of a division whose units have seen by Gen. Pershing's Chief of Staff were France and four in Belgium. Acci- service in the trenches were called off

The troops of a newly-landed division, composed of former National Guardsmen, to-night reached the curate calculation, started with the towns in which they are to be bilwithstanding the severe weather,

grenade and automatic rifle practice without interruption. Some of the HUNDREDS OF U. S. FLYERS The National City Bank of New and "Parseval" types. Of these pos- men had their new caps pulled down over their cars, and all who had mufflers wound them around their necks. They paid no further attention to the snow under foot or to the Austrian Troops From Roumania 376 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn; Chrisswirling flakes.

These troops are mostly in the lowlands. Others in higher altitudes were unable to proceed with their WASHINGTON, Dec 23. A dec 226 Woodland Avenue, Woodhaven: from the Southern States have been says: days, but they are becoming accustomed to the cold and snow.

tors, assigned to a school in a Southsouth of Adelphi Street, Brooklyn; Margaret
somed to the cold and snow. quite unfortunate in the last few

Americans in French Army May Be Transferred to Pershing Hanks. PARIS, Dec. 28 .- American volun-

teers serving in any branch of the French Army may hereafter apply to transfer to the United States Army, official statement, it is announced to-day. A circular i this effect is now going the rounds of the French Army.

Cavalrymen Returning With Prisoners and All the Loot Taken by Bandits.

CANDELARIA, Tex., Dec. American cavalry patrol, and tapt Sprinkle, which pursued bandit raders into Mexico, is to-day on route in practically all of the loor taken in raid n the Brite and Fitzgerald random. can soil, killing about fifty and wound ing many others. Documents found a

the dead established that the bandles were Villistas. Col. Langhorn's forces, who pursued and wiped out the Mexican band, on loyed a belated Christmas disner to

TWO NEW YORKERS CITED FOR BRAVERY BY FRENCH



Lieut. Post, His Airplane in Flames, Lands Safely and Saves Valuable Instruments.

EDWIN M. POST OUT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.-Lieut Iw'n M. Post ir. and Private Frank ary forces have been cited for galmade public to-day by the War Department.

Lieut, Post, son of Mrs. Price Post of Tuxedo Park, N. Y., during a flight at the aviation school at Pau, found "L-1" and ended with "L-57." Num- leted temporarily after marching for but managed to make a safe landing

Private Ross, a nephew of Charles Cooper of No. 1529 72d Street, Brooklyn, distinguished himself by courage face and hands or suffered from men are rapidly becoming hardened. under fire during a recent bombard- shock. The clothing of two passen-Former Guardsmen of another di- ment. He was gassed, necessitating gers caught fire. The police list foi-In addition to Zeppelins, Germany vision carried on their work in spire his removal to a hospital.

REACH SCHOOL IN ITALY

Seen on the Piave River

work as well as was desired. Troops spatch received from flowe to-day May Groll, stenographer, No. 58 Him-

American corps to reach Italy.

"Austrian troops from the Rouman- Amburst Avenue, Jamalea. ian front have been observed to are Miss Bernadetta O'Connor de- Frank L. Dowling. Mr. Whalen called Asked whether Payne would "assist" rive behind the enemy lines at our scribed the accident after she had to arrange details of the simple cere-

BERLIN. (via London), Dec 28.— ton Street Police Station. French Army may hereafter apply to "increased firing" on the Asiago and American camp and secure their plateau around Tomba Elige throughthride and the Mayor-elect will meet in the economy streke under the new regime and the Mayor-elect will meet in the economy streke under the new regime and the Mayor-elect will meet in the economy streke under the new regime and the Mayor-elect will meet in the economy streke under the new regime that the strength of the united States Army, out the day, was reported in to-day, third car when it happened and a public reception room of City Hail at third car when it happened and a public reception room of City Hail at the day.

HOOVER WOULD BRING FOOD FROM THE PACIFIC IN SHIPS

the Congestion-Holds Con-

who arrived here to-day, held a confer ence with men representing coastwise shipping interests and announced afterward that there had been discussion of bridge. Women were fainting and the possibility of using more extensively screaming." the coasting ships to bring supplies from the Pavific to the Atlantic and thence distributing them inland. This he said

NEW YEAR'S SPECIALS.

\$10.00 Men's Overcoats and Suits, \$6.55.
THE "HUB" Clothing Corner, Broad-way, cor. Barclay St. opp. Woolworth way, cor. Barclay St. opp. Woolworth Building, will sell to day and Safarday the balance of our \$10 & \$12 Men's Suits lub Cictniers, Brongway our Bratlay,

PANIC AS BLOW-OUT SPREADS FIRE ON TRAIN; MANY HURT

B. R. T. Passengers Rushed Across Bridge While They Fight to Escape.

fainting women and men came over the Williamsburg Bridge this morning to Easex Street, where ambulances and surgeons from the Gouverneus Hospital took charge.

It was in the third car of a sevencar train bound for New York that trouble started with a motorbex blowout which spat fire into the faces of passengers near it. But that was only the beginning.

The blowout occurred just after the train left the Myrtle Avenue station and was approaheing Flushing Avenuc. In an instant the car was full of smoke and panic. Men smashed windows with their fets and there was a rush for the rear door, which was at once jammed with struggling men and wemen, Nobody dared try the front door because that was where the motorbox was located.

Hysteria was increased by the re fusal of the guards to stop the train. Policeman Rohrback, who was in eltizen's colthes, pulled the emergency brake, which brought the train to a confusion and fright. Several were thrown off their feet.

The exact number of the injured is not known because many, after recolving first aid at a drug store, went ome without giving their names.

Henry J. Bohlen, No. 38 Vanderveer city office. Avenue, Woodhaven, L. I., taken to Gouverneur Hospital: Rebecca Kadtsb, stenographer, No. 3003 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, same hospital: J. J. Boylan, No. 746 Bushwick Avenue, F. DOYLE of Brooklyn. topher Moore, twenty-five, No. 25 Syosset Street, Woodhaven: Jo-Some hundreds of American avia. rod Street, Brooklyn; H. B. Smith, No.

Woodhaven: Lillian Drury, No. 21

MEXICANS IN BATTLE Thinks. That Would Help Relieve not down too and we wanted to walk and swear them in. This done, he At noon to-day the approximately un get into the fourth car.

"Then we supposed the train would ininistration. stop at the next station, but it didn't. nor at the one beyond, nor the one beyond that. They insisted on going next Friday and formally organize. through without a stop, over the

When the blowout occurred Miss Kadish, one of the injured, was near the motorbox. The flash set fire to her clothing and John Croner, a police clerk, used his overcoat to put
out the flames that wore house Miss
Kadlen's skirts. But Crozien's own
clothing caught fire and he turned the
woman over to Policeman Serven
Several other policemen were on the
train and they did their less to quiet
the pants.

F. Bylan, Mayor-elect of New York, had
of the Railread War Board and Herbert S. Lovett, Chairman of the
Priority Shipment Committee.
Although McAdoo became Director
General of the world's greatest railread system precisely at noon he was
the pants.

the panic.

Detective McKenna has been an ewer all other questions. signed to investigate the accident.

Capt. O'Connor of the Cimion Street police station took the names of several witnesses. He sames to the support and resources of New effected.

fore somebody called his attention to the fact that the most stupendous deal in railroad history had been of several witnesses. He sames to the support and resources of New effected. the balance of our \$10 & \$12 Men's Shits and there are the country of the Clinton of the Clinton and there are the country of the clinton of mediate attention.

FIVE HEADS OF RAILROAD LINES TO DIRECT THE OPERATION OF ALL RAILROADS OF NATION

A carload of infured, hymerical. War Freight to Have Precedence Under New Regime-Transfer of Systems Effected Without a Ripple-Economy to Be the Watchword of Government Control.

> BROOKLYN TO GET MOST OF BIG JOBS

Coler Selected for Charities Commissioner and Dr. Doyle for Fire Head.

The only appointments for the new Municipal Administration that have been definitely decided upon by Mayor-elect Hylan are the following; Corporation Counsel, WILLIAM P. sylvania lines. BURR of Manhattan

Dock Commissioner, CONGRESS-MAN MURRAY HULBERT, who will resign his sent Jan. 10 to take

Commissioner of Charities, BIRD S. COLER of Brooklyn.

Fire Commissioner, DR. WILLIAM Health Commissioner, DR. KEVIN or DR. REBRY, both of Brooklyn.

some Bronx man, not yet selected.

Grover Whalen, prospective secretary to Mayor-elect Hylan, was introduced to Mayor Mitchel in City Hall to-day by Aldermanic President of the posts in the new organization. recovered in some degree at the Clin- mony which will mark Mr. Hylan's Payne and said: "We hope so." induction into office. Mayor Mitchel "I was near the rear door of the and the Mayor-elect will meet in the economy stroke under the new regime moment later I couldn't move be- noon Jan. 1. After the customary War Board Publicity Bureau. The cause so many people were pressing speechmaking in which the outgoing three employees were notified of their about me. When the train stopped Mayor will "turn over" the manage- dismissal. The Creel Committee on the guards wouldn't open the gates, ment of the city to the new head, Public Information will handle the but somebody else did and of was Mayor Mitchel will depart and his Government railroad publicity. selped down to the buardwalk be, successor will tunnediately summon ween the tracks. A lot of others his prospective appointees before him ERNMENT TOOK PLACE AT NOON. to the station, but the guards made will briefly outline his policy to them, 259,000 miles of American rallway explaining the aim of the new Ad- systems silently inerged into one

The new Board of Estimate and ning of the war. the new Board of Aldermen will meet

HYLAN AT WHITE HOUSE.

Talk With Wilson. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 -- Judge John her clothing and John Croner, a po- F. Bylan, Mayor-elect of New York, had of the Railroad War Board and Her-

VASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-Director ieneral McAdoo to-day placed the existing War Board of private raffone executives in charge of temperary operation of the Nation's raiload lines that were formally taken over by the Government at neon.

This was the sole official announce near following a ninety-minute cuterence between McAdoo and the ex-

Pairfax Harrison, President of the Southern Rallway: Howard Elliott of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Raliway; Julius Kruttschnitt. Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Pacific: Hale Holden. President of the C., B. and Q., and Samuel Rea, President of the Penn-

The Board, McAdoo stated, pledged him its hearty support and agreed to continue operations until he saw fit to put into effect his planned organiza-

Problems of operation were chiefly discussed, he said, and no decision of any kind was reached.

Details must be worked out before orders covering pooling and freight shipments can be issued, it was stated. These orders are expected to come through the War Board until McAdoo completes his own organiza-

The Police Commissionership is posed organization has not been determined upon, he said. This included what personal counsel he will gather about him.

Judge Payne may be slated for one

Shortly after noon McAdoo's first

TRANSFER OF ROADS TO GOV.

great continental chain for the win-Under President Wilson's decision. the great event, regarded by many as the opening of a new epoch in Gov-

public utilities, passed by without any Mayor-Elect Has a Pive-Minute formal ceremony. Director General McAdoo was conferring at the time with the members

pay his respects and declined to an- the time slipped by and it was 12.30 before somebody called his attention to

The members of the war board-all ratiroad executives, who have been sealth bone triak cold everywhere. - Add. working, within the limitations of